//UNCLASSIFIED// 251224Z Mar 16 FROM CDR USAJMC ROCK ISL IL//AMSJM-QAS// 740(A)

SUBJECT: AMMUNITION INFORMATION NOTICE (AIN) 045-16 DISCONTINUATION OF USAGE OF LOT THEATER INDICATORS FOR AMMUNITION LOT NUMBERING.

- 1. AIN 044-16 WAS TRANSMITTED ON 171504Z Mar 16
- 2. THIS IS THE INITIAL ISSUE OF THIS AIN.
- 3. REFERENCE:
 - A. MIL-STD-1168C AMMUNITION LOT NUMBERING AND AMMUNITION DATA CARD
- 4. REQUEST THIS AIN BE DISSEMINATED TO ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN INSPECTING, STORING, HANDLING, ISSUING, OR USING SUBJECT AMMUNITION.
- 5. THEATER INDICATORS ARE ALPHA BASED CHARACTERS THAT ARE INSERTED INTO THE LOT NUMBERS OF AMMUNITION THAT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO CERTAIN AREAS OF THE WORLD. THE "Y" INDICATOR APPLIES ONLY TO DESERT SHIELD/STORM. THE "W" INDICATOR DENOTES MISSILES SHIPPED INTO IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN. THE "T" INDICATOR DENOTES TWO DEPLOYMENTS, DESERT SHIELD/STORM AND EITHER IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN.
- 6. PER MIL-STD-1168C, THEATER INDICATORS WILL BE PLACED IN EITHER THE FIFTEENTH (15TH) OR SIXTEENTH POSITION (16TH) OF THE LOT NUMBER. IF NO SUFFIX IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE LOT, THEN A HYPHEN WILL BE INSERTED INTO THE FOURTEENTH (14TH) POSITION AS A PLACEHOLDER AND THE THEATER INDICATOR WILL BE IN THE FIFTEENTH POSITION (15TH).
- 7. EFFECTIVE 30 APR 2016, HQDA MUNITIONS & AMC G3/4 DIRECTS THE DISCONTINUATION OF MARKING ALL MUNITIONS IN THE LOT NUMBER FIELD PER REFERENCE ABOVE. CURRENTLY, THE U.S. ARMY LOGISTICS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (LMP) AND GCSS-ARMY SYSTEMS WILL NOT SUPPORT A SIXTEENTH POSITION (16TH) POSITION FOR A LOT NUMBER IN THE LOT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION FIELDS. IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS ERRORS IN MARKING HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD DUE TO THIS PROCESS.
- 8. ANY CURRENT OR FUTURE MAINTENANCE/REWORK BEING RUN ON MUNITIONS REQUIRING SWA IDENTIFICATION WILL BE DONE THROUGH LOT SUFFIX REQUESTS. UPON COMPLETION OF REWORK/MAINTENANCE, UPDATED ADC WILL REFLECT APPLICABLE LOT SUFFIX, PERFORMED WORK AND SWA INFORMATION.
- 9. LOTS CURRENTLY MARKED WITH A THEATER INDICATOR WILL NOT BE REWORKED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF REMOVING SAID INDICATOR. REMOVAL OF INDICATOR WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING FUTURE REWORK AND PER PARAGRAPH 8 GUIDANCE ABOVE.
- 10. HQDA, DCS G4 POLICY POC, MR. RONALD P. MATHEWSON, COMMERCIAL (703) 614-3857, DSN 244-3857, EMAIL:

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11. THIS AIN EXPIRES 31 MARCH 2018 UNLESS OTHERWISE RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED.

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